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COIN STACKING APPARATUS  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced U.S. patent application please amend the application as follows: